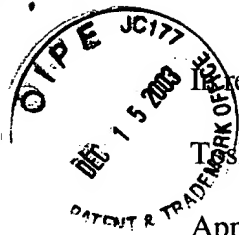


PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Here application of

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For: MARAGING STEEL HAVING HIGH FATIGUE STRENGTH AND MARAGING
STEEL STRIP MADE OF SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Final Office Action of August 13, 2003 and the Advisory Action of November 28, 2003 to December 13, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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